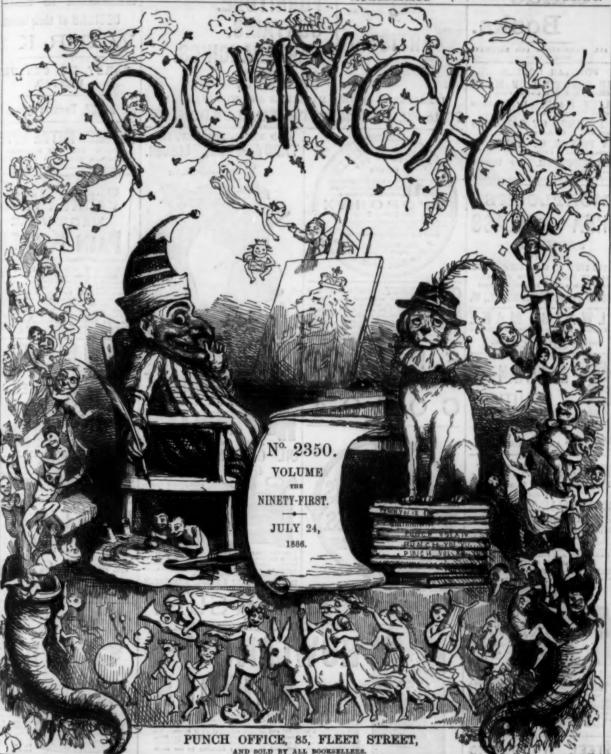
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ROBERT'S DISAPPINTMENT.



reading of my favrite paper. Press, the other day, witch natrally has great charm for me, as it gives acounts of all the grate City Bankwets —witch must be such werry ples-sent reading to all them unfortnate pore felnevergoes to 'em,summut in the same way as we sees a lot of pore hungry fellers a standin' outside " a Cook Shop a gazing

on the pudden as aford to buy,—wen my eye fell on a enounsement as farely took away my breth! It was a descripshun of a hole week's entertainments as was to be given to the Colonials and Injeans as is cum to the Xhibishun, jest to show 'em how glad the old Copperashun is to see 'em, and to give 'em all sum idear of what they means by old English boxenitalities.

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Like the fine old Xtian Gennulmen as they is, they was to foller out their good custom of saying Grace afore meat, but they was to do it on rayther a large scale, as was rife and propper. For a hole week for the control of the contro

He said that "arter the too long ears of the late Lord Marr's offishal life had expired, it seemed as if the zennith of Glory had bin reached!" He then presented his aucksessor with a Testymoniel in the following flood of burning helloquence. "Wen, Sir, in your declining years your faltering eye falls upon this Tee-Pot, you will feel like the old Soger in the well-known Song, who, when he saw his old familyer Tee-Pot, shoulderd his Crutch and showed how Fields was won!" was won

old familyer Tee-Pot, shoulderd his Crutch and showed how Fields was won!"

Naterally the distingwisht Gent thus addressed was a little overcome, but he pulled hisself together like a man, tossed off a bumper of '47 Port, and replied right off without a paws. "Sir, in the words of the emortal Bard, the sweet Swon of Havon, this hevening shall be engraven on the Tables of my memory till Time shall be no more!"

Ah! that was a Bankwet, that was, it isn't offen as ewen I hear sitch langwidge, as I heard that night, and I was thankful that I had been inabled to give my fare Neece sitch a hinterlectual treat as that was, speshally as being ony a hactress she couldn't, of coarse, be used to it. Well I got her out of the gallery all right, in werry good time, and as I let her out at the side door. I says to her, "and how have you injoyed yourself, my deer?" Wen to my most perfound estonishment, she edrest me thus, "Well, Huncle"—she always calls me Huncle—"I will say, as the wittles was good, and the wine was good, and the singing wasn't at all bad, tho' I can hear better any nite for a shilling, but as for them long dull dreary speeches, all made up of butter and treecle, I don't think as I never heard greater rubbish in all my life!" and before I could, recover from my perfound estonishment, she was gorn!

Poor thing! Wot has she not lost by her ewedent want of that eddicashun as enables us as is more fortnet to injoy a reel interlecshal treet!

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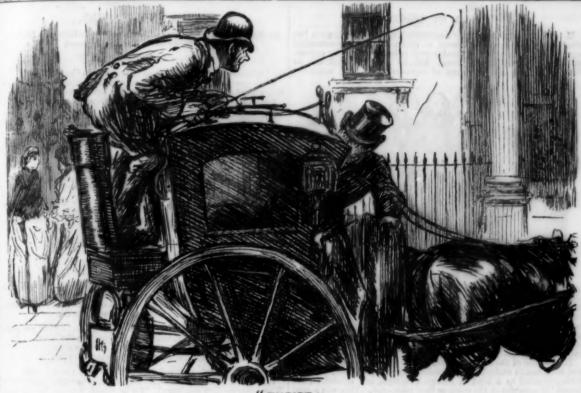
MADAME FOLI here gives us a tale of to-day,
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And The Last Stake, I fancy, you'll reckon "first chop."

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"THRIFT."

The Fare. "Drive me to St. Margaret's Mansions, Victoria Street-near the Penny Bank, y'know-just bry-Cabby. "ALL RIGHT, SIR-OUGHT TO KNOW IT, SIR-MY OWN BANK, SIR!"

A LAY OF LEMON-SQUASH.

(By a Perspiring Enthusiast.)

TELL me not of claret-oup or ices Ice-cream-sodas simply will not wash, Pleasantest of potable devices For hot summer days is Lemon-Squash.

"Hatfield" at the Oval was golumptious (Though its present substitute is bosh), But the most seducious, the most scrumptious, Of all summer drinks is Lemon-Squash.

When great GRACE is batting to the Demon, Or when WILLIE RENSHAW's on the smash, Mingle me the sugar and the lemon, Into it let the cool "soda" plash.

When upon the river I have rowed a Pretty girl a mile or two at noon, Bid the lemon mingle with the soda, Let the sugar feel the circling spoon.

When I have been bounding like a cougar, Or a panther on the cinder-path, Then the blend of lemon, soda, sugar, For my lips sweet fascination hath.

When beneath a sky that's worthy Venice, I have won—or lost—a game, or set, Let this stunning tipple after Tennis, Gratefully my torrid throttle wet.

When from concert, theatre or opera.

To the Club I go with frame a-burn,
Let me tope serenely, as a topper, a
Lemon-Squash iced nicely "to a turn."

When—oh, well at any time or season. When it ranges eighty in the shade,

The sweet sugar, the tart torrent squeeze on, Give me Lemon-Squash correctly made.

"Sherbet sublimed with snow?" That

isn't in it,
Mistaken bard, 'tis mere insipid "slosh."
Oh, fame is hard to earn, but he should win it-

Who is he?-who invented Lemon-Squash.

REVIEWING A REVIEW.—Mr. SELAH MER-BILL in the Atheneum, corrects certain in-accuracies in the Edinburgh Review's April critique on "The Natural History of Pales-tine." Professor Punch undertakes to correct SELAH MERRILL, of course merrilly. "White Asses," are not native to the place, but are the travelling English. They are not "bought," but "sold," for exorbitant prices. The White Asses are to be found in company with all sorts of Cheetahs.

TIPS FOR TOURISTS.

Do you desire repose, my dear BARBARA? Then don't resort to crowded Scarborough, But try instead the charms of Whitby, Where is a noble sea to sit by.
Yet at these towns, as well as Filey,
The Bill of Costs will rather rile ye.
Up Scotia's "Bens" you'll run, if frisky,
Though gillies make the pastime risky:
There's air at Braemar, and also at Aviemore, Which makes one enjoy one's meat and gravy

Oban has steamers, and golfing has Berwick, And picturesque fisher-folk flourish at Ler-

But Scotch hotels a tax do levy,
Makes purses light and heart-strings heavy.
Then there's the Lakes — Grasmere and

Coniston,
Where dwells Mr. Ruskin—a scold, but an
honest un!

At Keswick or at Windermere
The scenery's good, the climate queer.
Often will rain make your trip for to-morrow fail:

fail;
Then you'll know "how the water comes down" in Borrowdale.
Wales boasts attractions. Leeks and garlie, And striking views, prevail at Harleeh. Fine sands you'll see at ill-built Barmont'i, And also, nearer town, at Yarmouth. You'll find at rugged Penmaenmawr A slaty mountain o'er you lower; While from Llandudno's Head of Orme Grand views there are in sun and storm. Grand views there are in sun and storm.
For those who'd twang the harp of Tara,
Need one say—Go to Connemara?
Where, should the local Leagues invite you
You'll see some boycotting "is sits."
At Lowestoft stay, or pretty Cromer,
If through the Broads you'd be a roamer.
It's sultry in Devon, but why should we
funk it,
So long as there's plenty of cream and of
junket?
And as for grand cliffs, why, the guide-books
Who hint there's aught finer than Kynance
or Bude.

or Bude.
And those who like the "Hoi Polloi,"
Margate will thoroughly enjoy!

CREDIT AT WIMBLEDON.-Running up a Score.

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RUSS IN URBE.

M. DIMITRI SLAVIANSKY D'AGRENEFF'S Russian Choir, gave two afternoon performances last week at Drury Lane. A non-musical stranger, straying into the theatre and judging merely by appearances, might have been excused had he imagined that one of Wagner's Operas was in course of representation. The conductor



The Russ in Cho-rus.

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was strikingly like Tannhäuser in "make up," and was apparently habited in that here's conventional garb "as worn." He directed the efforts of a costumed chorus, some sixty strong and of both sexes, in a manner at once original and effective. No baton did he use, but merely waved his hands with a rhythmical turn of the wrist, standing the while with his back to the performers and his face to the audience. There was no orchestral accompaniment, but a harmonium obbiticato, kept the Choir together.

The apparel of the singers, announced as dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, was wonderfully well preserved. A dear little girl acted as a kind of human telegraph, and hoisted on her breast the numbers of the songs as they proceeded. This was a good idea, as it was not always easy to discriminate between such numbers as a "Siberian Ballad" and a "Calebrated Boorlak Song." An "Entertainment Song," (from the Government of Tamboff) could not fail to suggest the spasmodic utterances of the Rochester dealer to whom David Copperfield sold his jacket. The title of the effusion in question was simply, "Omy Guelder-tree!" "Omy Raspberry Bush!" To which one feels inclined to add, "O Goroo!" A more horticultural and less anatomical old clo' man would find such an expletive as relieving to the feelings as "O my eyes and limbs! O my lungs and liver!"—especially if the plants goroo in the neighbourhood.

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The Russian Choir sing extremely well together, and number among them some good voices. One bass gentleman, in particular, goes so deep, and sustains his notes so well, that he is heard long after the harmonium and the organs of his colleagues have ceased to vibrate. I looked at his boots, but they did not appear capacious enough to account for the volume of sound produced. He is evidently Russia leather-lunged. The historical songs to which the first half of the programme is devoted, are doubtless interesting and well worth hearing, at least once. But the "popular" songs in the second part are neither of an elevated nor original type. They embody the strains of much familiar claptrap, and, apart from the excellent part are neither of an elevated nor original type. They embody the strains of much familiar claptrap, and, apart from the excellent rendering they receive, are hardly worthy of serious notice. The expression, modulation, and generally sympathetic singing of the choir, however, deserve the highest praise; and not the least remarkable feature in their performance is the admirable adherence to strict time which they display when the measure is suddenly changed.

NIBELUNGLET.

Smoke on the Biver. A Tip for Thames Steamers.

"No smoke abaft the funnel" is your rule. Good! But you should be sent to your own school.
Thick clouds of black or dun and fetid smoke,
Streaming in trails behind you, are no joke.
You make our Thames as foul as a close tunnel,
Let your next rule be, "No smoke from the funnal!"

Songs in Sea.—The success of "Florian," by the second English ady composer the century has produced has been sufficiently marked to warrant a successor. The new Opers will be nautical—music, of to warrant a successor. course, by Walter.

THE NEW NASEBY.

By Obadiah Bind-the-Priests-in-Chains-and-the-Paddies-with-Links-of. Iron, Officer in the Unionist Regiment.

[MODELLED ON MACAULAY.]

On! wherefore went you forth as in triumph to the North, With your speech at every station, which the Tories raging read? And wherefore did your rort send forth a joyous shout? And where be the gapers that your northward journey sped?

Oh, triumphant was your route, but bitter is its fruit,
And mistaken was the line of your Manifesto odd,
Where you railed against the throng of the wealthy and the strong,
And swore the People's voice was the very voice of God.

It was about the noon of a sunny day of June,
That we saw their banners dance in Midlothian fair and fine;
And the Grand Old Man was there, with his scant and snowy hair,
And Cowan, and Lord Roseberr, and Liberal hosts in line.

And the Chief by Scots adored raised his head and bared his sword, And harangued his motley legions to form them to the fight; And many a cheer and shout from their listening ranks brake out, As the aged Sophist glosed upon justice, love, and right.

And hark! like the roar of the surf upon the shore, The cry of battle rises along our loyal line!

For Union! for the Cause! for the Church! for the Laws!

For Salisbury the Splendid and for Joseph the Divine!

The glamorous GLADSTONE comes, though without his pair of Bruns, Or bravoes from Macallum, or cheers from County Guy; They are bursting on our flanks. Grasp your pikes, close your ranks, For William never comes save to conquer or to die.

They are here! They rush on!—They are broken! They are gone!
Their ranks are borne before us like stubble on the blast.
O CHAMBERLAIR, O BRIGHT, is not this a glorious sight?
Stand with us, Gentlemen, and fight them to the last!

Stout Goschen hath a wound; Sir George hath given ground:
Hark, hark!—what means this trampling of horsemen in our rear?
Whose banner do I see, boys? 'Tis he, thank Heaven,'tis he, boys!
Bear up another minute: brave Salisbury is here!

Their heads all stooping low, their points all in a row,
Like a whirlwind on the trees, like a deluge on the dykes,
The Tory troops have burst on the ranks of the Accurst,
And at a shock have scattered his Sawnies and his Tykes.

Fast, fast the Liberals ride, in oblivion to hide
Their humbled heads, not destined at Westminster to meet:
And he—he turns, he flies, wild wonder in those eyes
That hoped to look on victory, but gaze on dire defeat.

Ho! comrades, scour the plain; look on the uncounted slain; Give here and there a stab to make your work secure. They lie with empty pockets who hoped to mount like rockets, But cash, like votes, was wanting; their Party-purse was poor.

Fools! We possessed the gold, and our hearts were proud and bold, Whilst you passed round the hat in an impecunious way.

Oh many a Duke's strong box for us relaxed its locks,

Whilst for your Caucus Clubs, they could how! but could not psy.

Where be your tongues that late mocked at Class, and Wealth, and State?

Where the LEICESTERS that so boasted of their power with the Trades !

Were the chaps in fustian clothes to be gammoned by your oaths, Or had Arch his vaunted influence with the mattocks and the spades ?

ey are down, for ever down with the artisan and clown PARNELL trembles when he thinks of wild Ulster's whirling words, And the Gladstonites in fear shall shudder when they hear What the Unionists have wrought for our Commons and our Lords.

THE LICENCE FOR FRENCH LEAVE. On Sunday the 11th instant, THE LICENCE FOR FRENCH LEAVE.—On Sunday the 11th instant, a bust of RABELAIS was unveiled at Meudon, when the occasion was celebrated by a "Rabelaisian procession, speeches, and versifying." It may be hoped that the latter was fit for publication, and that, in the former, Gargantua, Pantagruel, Panurge and Friar John, did not behave themselves too much in character. A Rabelais Festival seems rather a peculiar illustration of "a day of innocent amusment." The population at Meudon, on that holiday may well have thought what a time they were having!

WHIFFS OF THE BRINY.

(By D. Crambo, Junior.)







A Bill-owe.



Bait for Fishing.



A Choppy Sea.



Steamer going over the Bar, followed by a Yawl.

COOKERY AT THE COLINDERIES.

To the Editor of " The Gormandiser."

SIR,—I am a Colonial with a large appetite, and am disgusted to find there are no "Free Lunches" at the Colinderies. What is Sir PHILIP CUNLIFFE OWEN about, to let the rapacious Contractors charge us for our food? I have come all this way to exhibit and sell my goods, and the least thing this blessed Mother Country can do is to feed me "free gratis and for nothing." Yours, hungrily,

Sir.—I am a poor family man, and accustomed, when at work, to have a bit of alamode beef in the middle of the day, and a few winkles or creases for a relish with my tea when I get home. But when I'm out, I've a mind to have the best like the nobs, and I think it's very hard I can't have soup, a bit of salmon, whitebait, lamb and pens and new potatoes, a spring chicken, a little sparrow-grass, goosebery-tart, cheese and salad, for eighteenpence, and I wouldn't mind a penny to the waiter. My wife says Messrs. Spiers and Pond could throw in ices for that money, but they disagree with me.

ith me.
I do not belong, Sir, to the "Classes," but am one of the
MASSES.

SIR,—The Refreshment Contractors at the Exhibition subject some of their victims to great hardships. My son and daughter took tickets for the "Shilling Tea," and, would you believe it, there were no plovers' eggs. They were "out of season," we were told, as if eggs were ever out of season! The plovers, of course, lay all the year round. What I want to know is, who eats the eggs? Your obedient servant,

A COMMERCIAL CLERK.

SIR,—I dined at the Colinderies, and, not feeling inclined to go to the expense of the Quadrant Dinner, which everyone says is very good, we went in for the Exhibition Dinner at three and ninepence a head. I affirm sincerely, Sir, though you will scarcely credit it, that the soup was not real turtle, that our demand for a modest dish of truffles stewed in a really sound Burgundy was not complied with, that we had no peaches for dessert, and champagne was positively an extra!

Yours obediently,

A VICTORIAN.

SIR,—The Jewish public will be indebted to you for inserting letters about the catering at the Exhibition.

I have had to dine there several times, and there was no smoked salmon, no matsax, no bola, no "stuffed monkey," while horrible to relate, the meat was not cosher.

It is simply a case of exploiting my long-suffering Hebrew friends. Yours truly,

Yours truly, IKEY JACOB.

SIR,—As a Correspondent of one of the Australian Journals, I dined, in one day mind you, to be perfectly impartial, at the Duval Dinner, the Exhibition Dinner, the Grill Room, in the & la carte Saloon, and the Canteen, and wound up with the Quadrant Dinner, which struck me as a little heavy.

I also sampled most of the French, German, and Spanish wines, I experimented on the Champagne, I oven had a modest tankard or so of bitter, and while trying several different sorts of spirits and liqueurs, I did not forget patriotically to quaff a few bottles of Australian wine, as well as some Cyprus of the Commandery [Oh! Mr. Gordon Hake, how could you!], which is not perhaps a reliable drink after so arduous a day's work. Messrs. Spires and Pond are world-famous caterova, so that I was surprised and annoyed, that I did not feel at all well after these refections, and indeed got into a difficulty with the police, concerning which it is needless to go into detail.

Yours blilously. A VICTIM.

SIR,—If you have waitresses, surely they should not be above making some return for any little gratuity you give them. The fee is not compulsory, but dining at the Duval Room with a friend, we gave two girls a penny cach, and asked them to meet us in the evening after the close of the Exhibition. Would you believe it, they haughtily declined, and seemed much offended at the suggestion. Moreover, as we are both a little unconventional in our language and manners, we saw a stalwart Manager approaching, evidently intending to put us out. This settled the pair of us. We left sad and dissatisfied.

Yours obediently,

Tantalus.

SIR,—Messrs. SPIRES AND POND say that they have a staff of seven hundred persons at the Exhibition, and serve thousands of dinners a week, while the same people come and dine again and again. What is that to me. If I am not waited upon and catered for as if I were the only man in the place, and unless they make no profit out of me, (the deficit should be made up by Sir PHILIP CUNLIFFE OWEN, out of his own pocket) in short unless I am treated like H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also waited upon by the firm in person, all I can say is, as a freeborn Briton, that I have a right to consider myself,

Your obedient servant,

A Sufferen.

DOCTORS AND DOG-DAYS.

HYDROPHOBIA isn't a specific disease. The mere prick of a needle sometimes produces the same symptoms as those resulting, if they do result, from the bite of a mad dog. True, Dr. Mokry. A simple puncture may sometimes produces tetanus. Hydrophobia and tetanus very like one another, 'specially tetanus. However, don't many people die of hydrophobia, after a mad dog's bite, whereas only a few die of tetanus after a simple puncture? And then, you know, Doctor, that a needle-prick met with in sewing is now and then followed by the same symptoms as those which follow a seratch received in dissection. But comparatively how often? People die after both bite and puncture sooner or later; but after clean or unclean puncture or bite, how much sooner or how much later in one case than in the other? Isn't Dr. Drysdale right in stating that very few of Dr. Pasteur's patients have come for treatment from Germany, and in attributing that fact "to the admirable way in which the German sanitary authorities have kept up the muzzling of all dogs in Northern Germany, and of large dogs in Southern Germany"?

Doctors may differ about causation, but if, dear Dr. Morey, and sweet Ouida, the restraint of dogs from biting is found practically to prevent hydrophobia, whether hydrophobia theoretically results from the bite of mad dogs or not, why, in the name of common sense, try to argue the muzzles off the dogs' noses?

"Composition of the New Parliament."—A Field with a Flower, a Peacock and a Gardiner, a Heath with a Mound, a Hunt and a Fox, a Fisher with some Worms, and several Reeds, and a Chaplain with a Sexton, two Clarkes, and a Beadel.

AN ISOLATED BEING.—(Old Mr. SINGLETON, loq.) No, Sir! I never read the "Births" and "Marriages." I know nobody likely to be married, and don't care who may be born. Only read the deaths. Only read them to see what becomes of my friends!

"THE WATERS OF HERCULES." (New Edition) .- Strong waters. Intoxicating liquors?



THE LISTS OF HURLINGHAM.

"How sweet are Looks that Ladies bend on whom their favours fall!"

(N.B.-The Ladies are so far off that we have not been able to make their Looks quite as sweet as we would have wished.)

THE "OLD UMBRELLA"!!

Whoop! What a blast! Seems to thunder all round. The Gingham was big and the Gingham seemed sound, Guaranteed by its maker to hold well together, A shelter at need in the wildest of weather. That Grand Old Umbrella, admirers would say, Might outlast e'en the Wonderful One Hoss Shay. So strong and so tough, of such capital stuff, What matter to it though the weather were rough? It had stood many gales without feeling the strain, And had held waterproof through the heaviest rain. Its backers would vaunt, unsuspected of fib, Its fineness of silk and its stoutness of rib, And everyone looked on its elegant form As a beacon in tempest, a refuge in storm.

As a beacon in tempest, a refuge in storm.

Alas, and alas, and yet once more alas!

For that Grand Old Umbrella! A piteous pass
It has come to at last. Oh, the storm thundered fast,
And there never was known such a furious blast.

It blew every way all around and about,
And the Grand Old Umbrella was soon inside out.

Whoof! bang go the ribs. Whoosh! Away goes the cover.

Eh? Pull it together? Alas! 'tis all over.

In the storm's fullest strees you may yet furl a sail,
But a gingham to right in the midst of a gale,
When its silk like a burst-up balloon is all shattered,
Its ribe dislocated and stupidly scattered,
Its alide all a-jam and its ferrule askew,
Is a thing that cleverest never can do.

No, no, 'tis a case of "Umbrellas to Mend."

When the wind has gone down, and the storm 's at an end,
The Grand Old Umbrella once more may be furled,
Its cover renewed, its rib-tangle untwirled;
But that must be left till this hurricane ceases,
At present the Gingham is gone all to pieces.

AUGMENTED TITLES.

(By the Grand Old Nomenclaturist.)

Assuming Aston.
Betraying Brighton.
Cheerful Carlisle.
Deceitful Dover.
Entertaining Edinburgh.
Faithful Fifeshire.
Graceless Glasgow.
Hateful Hastings.
Ignominious Islington.
Knavish Kidderminster.
Libellous London.

Mad Marylebone.
Notable Northampton.
Outrageous Oldham.
Pernicious Portsmouth.
Quiescent Queen's County.
Remarkable Rochdale.
Shortsighted Salford.
Treacherous Tower Hamlets.
Uproarious Ulster.
Worthy Wednesbury.
Yielding Yorkshire.

GREAT SCOTT!

Mr. H. T. Scorr, Captain of the Australian Eleven, finished off the second innings against Yorkshire the other day in a truly sensational style. The first ball of the last run he "put away" for six, the second he "dispatched" for four, the third he "personally conducted" over the seats beyond the cinder-path for six, and the fourth—and last ball of the over and match—he smote clean "out of the play" for yet another six! Twenty-two hits from one over! That is Scorr's lot with a vengeance. How pleasant for the bowler and his "average!" Mr. Punch says, some way after Cowpun, of Johnsy Gilpin fame,—

Now let's sing long live this last of Elevens, Ita Captain long live he! And when he next is "at sixes and sevens," May I he there to see!

Good Thing to Ask after Leaving Folkestone.—Why may Boulogne be considered a "parent city?" Because it is always further described as Pas de Calais.

PUNCH, OR THE LONDON CHARIVARI.-July 24, 1886.



THE "OLD UMBRELLA"!!





OVER-COMBED!

Our Barber. "What you want, Sir,"—(running his fingers through his Oustomer's few remaining Hairs)—"Is a Bottle of my Hair-resto—"

Customer (virulently). "WHAR I WANT, SIR, IS A DIVORCE!!"

[The Conversation taking this portentous turn, our Barber drops it!

THE LAST SHOPKEEPER.

(A Tale of the Dim and Distant Future.)

closed, and a colossal Company opened one monster all-embracing 'London Universal Supply Association,' which absorbed all the others, and reigned alone."

"Dear me!" cried the Stranger. "Andis that a good thing for the country?"

"Like every other tendency of the time," replied John Johner, "it helps to make the few rich richer, and the many poor poorer, to concentrate colossal wealth in a continually diminishing number of hands, and make the Multitude the Milch-cow of the Monopolist. That being so, it must be all right, mustn't it?"

"And you?" asked the Stranger once more.

"I," said John Johner with strange energy, "love independence and hate Monopoly. I am also the most obstinate man in London. Consequently, I am the Last of the Shopkeepars! And you," he added, "are the last of my customers."

"How do you know that?"

"To-morrow my lease runs out, and I must depart."

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"Whither?"

JOHN JORKEE smiled strangely, and cast a curious glance round his dingy and scantly-stocked shop.
"Who knows?" sighed he.

A few days later, the Stranger, impelled by curiosity, made his way to the Chandler's Shop again. It was closed. He inquired for JOHN JORKER. He was dead!

THE WILL OF JUPITER.

FRENCH Minister of War, And Cabinet, what for,
But in terror of imaginary treason,
Have you struck the Due D'AUMALE
Off the Army List of Gaul?
Wherefore banished him, unless you 've lost

A Pretender why create?
Can't the Comte de Paris wait,
Whatsoever place his exile may be spent at,
There the turning of the tide, The Republic's fall, abide?

Quos Jupiter vult perdere—dementat!

MYSTERY OF MARK MASONRY.—The Fourth Dimension of Space.





SPOILT COMPLIMENTS.

He. "How do you like Signor Wilkinsonio's voice? Beautiful, is it

She. "I DON'T THINK SO. I PREFER YOURS. BUT THEN, YOU KNOW, I AM

CARE FOR THE CARTHUSIANS.

Resolutions to be submitted at their next meeting to the Governing Body of Charterhouse School.

THE Head Master shall be generally unapproachable.

In the event of the outbreak of any fever or appearance of any contagious or infectious disease in the school, he is not under any circumstances to be apprised of its existence, unless he catch it himself, in which case he may be officially informed of the fact by his medical adviser.

When it is known that an epidemic has declared itself, anxious parents must understand

1. That if they apply for any information on the subject, they will

1. That if they apply for any information on the subject, they will certainly receive no reply.

2. That if they come down to see the state of the case, and look into matters for themselves, they will have it distinctly intimated to them that they had much better have kept away.

3. That in the event of their refusing to see the matter in this light, and wishing to withdraw their boys temporarily from exposure to infection, they be requested then and there to take them off from the School, and remove them altogether.

On any parent being forced to accept but being dissettified with

On any parent being forced to accept, but being dissatisfied with this alternative, it shall be at last open to him to call the attention of the Head Master to the matter by bringing it before the public

in the columns of a daily newspaper.

It will not, however, be incumbent on the Head Master to youch safe any reply to the communication other than to indorse the fact and emphasise his own autocratic attitude under the circumstances.

This action on his part may be followed up by further general and desultory correspondence ending in nothing.

On the public not liking this solution of the matter, they may be told either "to leave it or lump it."

"DEAR OLD SCOTLAND."-" Bang went Saxpence!"

THE PARTY LEADER.

A VERY OLD STORY.

(With Apologies to Mr. Browning.)

It was cheering, cheering, to the close
O' my speech that day I launched the Bill:
From serried ranks the row uprose,
And hats are waved, and voices thrill;
And I!—I thought I'd dished my foes,

Each distant land approval sent : The Caucuses they screamed with joy; And as for PARNELL's band, they went Stark staring mad, each broth of a boy, To think they d have their Parliament!

There's nobody on the platforms now; Just some porters, signalmen, and such. For the fight is over, all allow, And of fun and frolic there's not much Till I hand in my accounts, I trow.

So endeth the Lesson—number One.
'Twixt jeers and cheers, what a gulf there lies!
Home Rule quick-granted, the whole thing done,
Might have bred disgust. Meanwhile, time flies;
And I feel that my triumph's just begun.

RULES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE ROTAL MUSICAL COLLEGE.—Every pupil is required to bring his or her own mug (in the case of a young lady the prettier her "mug" is the better), and his or her own tuning-fork. Pupils of either sex are not requested to bring their own spoons, as this is calculated to interfere with studies.

To AN ENGLISH COMPOSER.—It may not be a compliment to call a ballad a "music-hally" composition, but it is certainly great praise to style it "a Music-Hallé composition." Perhaps this was intended on that Patticular occasion.

CUTS AND CUTS.

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A propos of a volume called "English Caricaturists and Graphic Humorists of the Nineteenth Century," (a title by the way rather suggestive of the "devouring element," dear to the typical penny-aliner's heart) which is criticised under the heading of "Fine Arts," in the Athenoum (possibly because it may owe any merit it may possess to the fact of being "illustrated"), our contemporary inferentially accuses the author (who contributes the accompanying letter-press) of being "a slip-shod writer," because he does not accept Dr. Johnson's definition of a caricature, "an exaggerated resemblance in drawing." Surely this is breaking a butterfly on the wheel. "Writing up to cuts," is not a process invariably associated with the idea of the highest literary ability, and frankly what does it matter whether the compiler is a "slipshod writer," or not? Not satisfied with this initial mark of ill-will, the Athenoum actually quotes some of the descriptive matter, in which certain English Classics are catalogued as "trash" and "rubbish." After this it would be scarcely kind to publish the author's name, the more especially as it is not one with which Mr. Punch is familiar, so that the mistake may be accepted as "a first fault." However, that full justice may be done to his readers, the Sage of Fleet Street suggests that any person into whose hands this volume may pass should act in the spirit in which Ducrow watched a rehearsal of Hamlet at Astley's. Said Mr. Ducrow on that occasion, "Oh, blow the dialogue, and come to the hosses!" Says Mr. Punch on this: "Oh, cut the writing, and come to the pictures!" The English Caricaturists, &c., &c., do not require a guide to point out their merits, especially such a guide as Mr.—; but no, the name of the Gentleman shall meretfully remain suppressed. If he wants a nomme de plume, let him quote from his own book, and call himself "Trash," or, equally elegant and appropriate, "Rubbish."

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No. 51. "Over the Garden Wall."



No. 175. Sudden Thaw'd!



No. 172. The Conjuror.



No. 38. Mildew Park, Dampshire. To Let This eligible Residence, &c., &c. No reasonable offer refused.



No. 149. Rehearsing a Shipwreck Scene at Drury Lane for the next melodrama. Stage Manager (shouting). "Take it back! take it mack! Not a bit like it!"



No. 179. "Can't bathe while there's that horrid thing in the water!"

Sauce!

THE Germans are insisting upon writing their menus in their native language instead of in French. If this idea is developed, every nationality will use its vulgar tongue. To make a commencement, Mr. Punch sets forth a Bill of Fare in English for a small family party:—

Good Wife Soup.

Cutlets at the Gardener's wife. The Surprise of Vanilla Crème.

Now, who will not admit the superiority of such a list over Potage

Bonne Femme and the rest? By having the dishes set forth in

English, everyone knows what he is taking—an advantage not
always attainable in French cookery.

To the Great Smasher.

[Mr. W. Renshaw, inventor of the "Renshaw Smash," has won the Tennis Championship for the sixth time in succession.]

Bravo, Sir! In weather suggestive of ices
And cool lemon-squashes you played with great dash.
Success, though achieved by all sorts of devices,
Is not often got at by "going to smash."

Mr. Bright and General Showers.—John B. had better borrow the G. O. M.'s Umbrella, if General Showers should come on again. General Showers oughtn't to be partial.

THE LOST LETTER-BAG.

(" Litera scripta manet,")

MY DEAR PR-MR-SE,

It is interesting to hear from you, that people are saying the time has come when I should decide what course I shall take in the existing circumstances. I have not seriously turned my mind upon the subject yet. But at a cursory glance, I perceive there are three courses open to me. I might hold on to office, I might resign, or, thirdly, I might not resign.

As to holding on to office, I may observe that I have reached a time

As to holding on to office, I may observe that I have reached a time of life at which office has no allurements for me. I have been content to hold it as long as it was the wish of my countrymen, and if it still be their wish, I will not assume rashly that I should have strength given me to withstand its clear expression. Certainly there have of late been hints supplied, that the wish indicated on the part of the nation is not so positively unanimous as I have on former occasions had reason to believe it was. But it would not be difficult occasions had reason to believe it was. But it would not be difficult to show, if the argument were one useful to pursue, that the results of the late election have on the whole, been favourable to the policy of Her Majesty's Government. It is true that on a balance of seats won and lost, we suffer. But if you add the votes given on either side, you will find that the weight of numbers is in our favour. It is by an accident that the issue is settled by the votes of representatives of constituencies. If it were to be settled by the constituencies themselves, we should be sustained in our position. Still the usages of political life in this country have decreed that it is the votes, not of the people, but of their delegates, by which Ministries are made and unmade. Regarding the situation from this point of view, there is I must admit. A tendency of events to force upon me the second is I must admit, a tendency of events to force upon me the second course, namely of resignation.

There still remains the third course, not to resign, and whether on the whole that were not more conformable with the true interests of the nation is a question that demands and shall receive the closest and most conscientious attention. It is true that in taking that course, one so adverse to my own personal leaning, I should be conferring a great favour upon men who have no right to look for favour at my hands. It would relieve the Markins from an immense embarrassment. If I go, he must come, and how can he form a Ministry? At best he would be at the mercy of any combination of sections of the House that might find themselves at issue with him. Then how could HARTINGTON setually work in harness with the Conservatives, and what part would CHAMBERLAIN play? Would he help Salisburg to coerce I reland? There still remains the third course, not to resign, and whether on

and what part would CHAMBERGAIN PARY.

BURN to coeroe Ireland?

These things are very painful in mere consideration. They would be heart-breaking in actual operation. If I decide not to resign, how much would be spared to these estimable men! Let us leave matters awhile, my dear P——. Do not commit yourself on my behalf to any course. If people ask you what I am going to do, turn the conversation on the weather, a topic full of opportunity for varied and animated conversation.

Yours faithfully,

XII.

I NEED scarcely say that it is more with pain than with astonishment that I have received your notice and acknowledgment of my pamphlet, The Bishops and the Ballet, that I sent you, together with an order to admit two to the upper boxes at the Alhambra. That you should have returned me both, together with an intimation that you have written by the same post to my incuman intimation that you have written by the same post to my incumbent to urge my dismissal from my curacy, only endorses the strong opinion I have expressed of the anti-Christian opposition manifested by the Hierarchy to the great, the purifying, the ennobling calling the interests of which I regard it my proudest privilege to maintain. I will not enter here into the perfect charm, the enthralling beauty, the exquisite poetry of what your Lordship, apparently in common with the veriest Masher, elects to regard as a mere "leg show," but with the veriest Masher, elects to regard as a mere "leg show," but I will ask you, in common justice, to examine yourself, and see whether your prejudice does not arise from sheer ignorance of the details of the splendid art you affect to despise. Has your Lordship, I would ask, ever attended a rehearsal of one of those masterpieces of which MM. JACOBI and HANSERS' beautiful creation Nisa is a fair specimen? Have you ever even been behind the scenes at night? I will be bound that your Lordship has not, and yet with an ulster to hide your apron, and your ordinary headgear changed for a crush opera-hat, nothing could have been simpler than to have passed in at the stage-door, and have seen for yourself the earnest purpose and entire devotion to their profession of those excellent and painstaking ladies, among whom it is my happiness to have moved now for many bright and useful years, a votary to their calling, and a champion of their art. a champion of their art.

a "coupé jeté," a "ballones," a "rond de jambe," or even a "saut de chat"? I will undertake to say that you have not, and yet you, my Lord, would not shrink from passing an unfavourable judgment on the excellent work done at the Canterbury in the days of FLORENCE POWELL, PHYLLIS BROUGHTON, and ADA WILSON, or at the South London with Topsy Elliott and her sisters. It is, therefore, my Lord, that I am again urging you to some and see for yourself. I will pass you "behind" at the Alhambra any night you may select. If you are afraid of detection, a pair of blue spectacles and a false nose, added to the dress I have already suggested, would ensure your discussion.

disguise.

In conclusion, let me respectfully impress upon you that in so doing you will be fulfilling one of your highest episcopal functions. It is my earnest desire to see a good understanding established between the Bishops and the Ballet, and it will be a proud evening for me when I see your Lordship, even though it be in the general hustle inseparable from an appearance behind the scenes, surrounded and welcomed by its votaries. So convinced am I that, after one or two experiences of the kind, your prejudices would slip away, and that a first night in Leicester Square would in future know, in the very front row of the stalls, no more hearty and boisterously-applauding enthusiast than your Lordship.

(This letter is also without a Signature, but is written on paper seemingly the property of the Church and Stage Guild.)

SIE,

Bullocksmithy, The Pavilion, July 5.

In answer to your kind proposal to bring down a team of "Eccentric Flamingoes," and play Bullocksmithy any Saturday next month, I must, I fear, give the Committee's reasons for declining. Last year you came down with only five "Flamingoes," one of whom "went on a broken wing," and had a man to run for him. You made up the team with the aid of your umpire (who was intoxicated), your scorer (a man of seventy-five), the policeman on the ground, the druggist's young man, an itinerant photographer who chanced to be taking a group outside the Pavilion, and you were one short. The intelligent populace of Bullocksmithy, who had expected great things from the "E. F.," murmured at the want of interest in the affair, and declined to be pacified when you alleged that Eccentricity was the accepted character of your Club. The retreat of three of your own men after they had secured their innings, to play lawn-tennis at the Hall, or fish in the neighbouring rivulet, added to the sense of popular dissatisfaction, and you will, I hope, admit that the Committee have reasons for declining your obliging proposal.

T. B. Parsons (Secretary B. C. C).

MY DEAR SIR WILLIAM,

I was very pleased to receive your encouraging letter from Derby, and have to thank you very much for your recipe for improving the voice mixture. Fortunately for the last few days, we have had no occasion to have recourse to it, for beyond reading the lessons, according to his usual custom, and addressing an harangue now and then to a chance band of stray tourists, who expect to hear him excels and refuse to make

stray tourists, who expect to hear him speak, and refuse to move away till he does, he has really not opened his mouth for any public purpose. He, however, keeps, I am glad to say, in excellent spirits, and seems to derive much enjoyment from the almost continual dispatch of telegrams, post cards, and letters. When not thus engaged he is busy in the woods with his axe, and as far as the political horizon is concerned, certainly appears to be quite in the seventh heaven. I can't help fearing a reaction. What about another yachting cruise? But without Lord Tennyson (who sometimes writes very uncivil sometimes writes very uncivil things) this time? Believe me, Yours very sincerely,



THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK. (From Dumb-Crambo Junior's Point of View.)

(Signature overleaf on a page that has been lost. The envelope has the Hawarden post-mark.)

You, my Lord, who contemptuously condemn them en masse, I would ask you whether you have ever tried, in the privacy of your own Episcopal Palace, any of the steps a familiarity with which they have laboriously acquired? Has your Lordship himself ever essayed (His Oun) Time.

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